

*Marylanders Who Served the
Nation*

A Biographical Dictionary of
Federal Officials
from Maryland

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John Lee

Born January 30, 1788, at "Needwood," in Middletown Valley, Frederick County

Died May 17, 1871, in New York City; buried in New Cathedral Cemetery, Baltimore

Family son of **Thomas Sim Lee (1745-1819)** and Mary (Digges) Lee

Married Harriet Chew Carroll, June 5, 1832. Children: Charles Carroll; and Thomas Sim

Religion Catholic

Education received private tutoring; attended Harvard College; studied law

Military Service Maryland Militia, served in War of 1812, attained rank of colonel

Professional Positions managed "Needwood" estate

Political Affiliation Federalist; Democrat, 1823-31; Whig, 1860s

Man/land Service Senate, Western Shore, 1837; House, Frederick County, 1852-53;

National Service U.S. Representative, 4th District, 18th Congress, served from March 1823 to March 1825

Thomas Sim Lee

Born October 29, 1745, either in Upper Marlboro, Prince George's County at his father's home, or at "Blenheim," his grandfather's estate, Charles County

Died October 9, 1819, at "Needwood," in Middletown Valley, Frederick County; buried at "Melwood Park," Prince George's County; reinterred in Mt. Carmel Roman Catholic Cemetery, Upper Marlboro, 1888

Family son of Thomas and Christiana (Sim) Lee

Married Mary Digges, October 27, 1771. Children: Ignatius Digges; Archibald (died young); Archibald (Archy); Thomas; William; **John Lee (1788-1871)**; Mary (Molly) Christian; and Elizabeth Digges

Religion Anglican; converted to Catholicism when he married

Education completed preparatory studies; possibly studied in Europe

Professional Positions office holder; planter; director, Potomac Company, 1785; land speculator, Georgetown, Washington, D.C., after 1794; engaged in agricultural pursuits

Military Service colonel, Lower Battalion of Militia, Prince George's County, ca. 1774-79

Political Affiliation Federalist

Maryland Service clerk, Court of Oyer, Terminer and Gaol Delivery, Prince George's County, 1766-72; clerk, Prince George's County

Court, 1767-76; Conventions, Prince George's County, 1775-76; Executive Council, 1777-79; governor, 1779-82, 1792-94, 1798 (elected, declined to accept); Maryland Senate elector, Frederick County, 1786; delegate, Constitution Ratification Convention, Frederick County, 1788; Senate, Western Shore, 1794

National Service delegate, Continental Congress, 1782-83 (elected in November 1782, but did not attend until March 1783); presidential elector, 1792

David John Lewis

Born May 1, 1869, in Nuttals Bank, Center County, near Osceola Mills, Pennsylvania

Died August 12, 1952, in Cumberland, Allegany County; buried in Hillcrest Cemetery, Allegany County

Family son of Richard Lloyd and Catherine (Watkins) Lewis

Married Florida M. Bohn, December 19, 1893

Education self taught; studied law with Benjamin A. Richmond and latin with John W. Nott, 1888-92

Professional Positions worked in the coal mines, 1878-92; admitted to the bar, 1892; practiced law, Cumberland

Political Affiliation Democrat

Man/land Service Senate, Allegany County, 1902-04

National Service U.S. Representative, 6th District, 62nd, 63rd, 64th, 72nd, 73rd, 74th, 75th Congresses, served from March 1911 to March 1917, and March 1931 to January 1939; member, U.S. Tariff Commission, 1917-25; member, National Mediation Board, 1939-43

Thomas Watkins Ligon

Born May 10, 1810, near Farmville, Prince Edward's County, Virginia

Died January 12, 1881, at "Chatham," near Ellicott City, Howard County; buried in St. John's Cemetery, near Ellicott City

Family son of Thomas D. and Martha (Watkins) Ligon

Married Sallie Ann Dorsey, September 29, 1840; Mary Tolley Dorsey, 1854. Children: Mary T.; Charles Worthington Dorsey; and Elizabeth W. D.

Religion Episcopalian

Education graduated, Hampden-Sydney College, Virginia, 1830; graduated, University of Virginia, Charlottesville, 1831; graduated, Yale Law School, 1833

Professional Positions admitted to the bar, 1833; practiced law, Baltimore; farmer; president, Patapsco Female Institute